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December 20, 2010

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chairman  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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Coastal Conservancy Grant for the Purchase of the Ten Mile Ranch

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for The Conservation Fund's acquisition of the 464-acre Ten Mile Ranch which I understand the California State Coastal Conservancy Board will consider at its January 20 meeting.

The Ranch is comprised of a diverse mosaic of natural communities, including coastal freshwater marsh, coastal salt marsh, coastal brackish marsh, coastal terrace prairie, and redwood/Douglas fir communities. In addition, a significant portion of the Ten Mile River estuary occurs on the Ranch. Coastal floodplains and estuaries provide critical habitat for Chinook and coho salmon, and the Department of Fish and Game's Coho Recovery Strategy identifies the Ten Mile River as one of the most important rivers in Mendocino County for its consistent presence of coho salmon and the potential for restoration.

The 2003 Mendocino County Coastal Conservation Plan, funded by the Coastal Conservancy and prepared by the Mendocino Land Trust, identified the Lower Ten Mile River/MacKerricher Coastal Terrace as a high conservation priority and recommended protecting scenic, biological and agricultural resources in and around the Ten Mile Estuary. Finally, the Ranch is adjacent to MacKerricher State Park. Access to the Park and clarification of rights-of-way necessary to the completion of the Coastal Trail will be improved by the completion of this project.

Protecting the Ten Mile Ranch through a grant to The Conservation Fund will fulfill important conservation objectives for Mendocino County and the State of California and I hope the Coastal Conservancy will approve this item at its January meeting.

Thank you for considering this important project.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO  
Assemblyman, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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KENDALL SMITH  
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December 20, 2010

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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

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Sincerely,

Kendall Smith, 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Sincerely,

Winston Bowen, President

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Jason Pelletier

North Coast Project Director

The Nature Conservancy